

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
Special Meeting :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Bradley K. Sinnott, and Gregory K. Haas at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3:08 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013.

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ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Mr. Jeffrey Mackey,
Manager, Election Operations,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
Public Information Officer,
Franklin County Board of Elections

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I would like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order. I will do the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Greg Haas?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Brad Sinnott?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have everyone here. All are here present.

The first item on the agenda would be the approval of the minutes of the November 4th meeting.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move the Board approve the minutes of the November 4th, 2013 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections as submitted.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: What I'm doing is
4 passing this around for everybody to sign and give
5 back to Ms. Suzanne.

6 The next item on the agenda is to certify
7 the November 4th -- November 5th General Election and
8 you have the official results here.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move the Board certify and declare as final the
11 official canvass of votes cast at the November 5th,
12 2013 General Election as submitted by the staff.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And I'm going to pass
18 this around for everybody's signature and it will be
19 official.

20 We had a recount in Truro Township, one
21 of the recounts we had, and we need to conduct a
22 recount Wednesday, December the 4th.

23 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: What's the reason
24 for the recount?

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: They were less than,
2 what, .5 percent.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: They were less
4 than the one-half of 1 percent.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah, one-half.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There were three
7 candidates running for that race and two spots to be
8 elected and the two candidates that came in second
9 and third are within the threshold necessary for a
10 automatic recount.

11 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: And that must be
12 just a few votes, right?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: It's nine votes
14 difference, yes.

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move the Board
16 set a recount for Truro Township Trustee to begin
17 Wednesday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. until completed,
18 and that the recount be conducted in accordance with
19 Secretary of State Directive 2012-52 and be held
20 simultaneously at both 280 East Broad Street and 1719
21 Alum Creek Drive.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: In order to have that
3 recount we must now figure out which precincts will
4 do the recount. So Jeff is here and going to kind
5 of -- we've got all the precincts.

6 MR. MACKEY: I have all the locations
7 here on little cards that are all the same size as
8 you can see.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We do have to
10 show everybody, prior to a recount, that they are of
11 the same size so that we don't have one that's on an
12 8-1/2-by-11 sheet of paper and others that are, you
13 know, on a little, tiny strip, so that it is --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Uh-oh.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- until Jeff
17 starts throwing them around the room.

18 (Laughter.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: First, we do need
20 a motion. We're going to conduct the recount by
21 voting location instead of by precinct and, to do
22 that, we officially need a motion from the Board to
23 do that. That is what we've usually done in the
24 past.

1 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move that the Board
2 conduct the recount in Truro Township by voting
3 locations, using the Location Identification Numbers
4 for each of the voting locations in the township.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And now what Jeff
10 has done, Carolyn, in our office, has produced a
11 spreadsheet for us. The procedure on this is to
12 do -- we select precincts, in this case voting
13 locations, that equal at least 5 percent of the total
14 votes cast in that area.

15 What we do then is we do a hand count of
16 any voting locations selected, match it to the
17 official canvass of results done by machine. If they
18 match then we're permitted by Directive 2012-52 to
19 then conduct the rest of the recount by machine by
20 reading the flashes off the machine, correct, Jeff?
21 So Jeff has a spreadsheet over there. It's very
22 traditional what we usually do.

23 Who wants to pick?

24 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Kim, I think.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Kim. Kim, pick
2 away.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Sure.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Make sure they
5 don't stick together here. They all look like
6 they're separate. Pick one out of there and read off
7 the number.

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: 2135.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Play that tonight.

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do you need another?

12 MR. MACKEY: We've hit the mark, but I
13 think we usually have to pick two.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We usually pick
15 another one too. They usually advise us to pick more
16 than one.

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: 5004.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. MACKEY: Oh.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That was the
21 wrong one, but that's okay.

22 (Laughter.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Okay.

24 MR. MACKEY: We're good.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have our
2 5 percent now.

3 MS. BROWN: You're supposed to pick one
4 that starts with a "2."

5 (Laughter.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That should show
7 everybody this was not rigged because that was not
8 one we would have picked because of the number of
9 votes, but we're good.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We got our two
12 voting locations we're going to use.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So the next item on
14 the agenda is we have to set the early vote hours for
15 the Special Election in February. We're going to
16 keep our normal hours like we've done this whole
17 year, 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday, and the
18 last Saturday before the election is 8:00 to noon, so
19 we need a motion for that. And President's -- I
20 mean, is it Martin Luther King Day or President's
21 Day?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Martin Luther
23 King.

24 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Martin Luther King

1 Day.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It falls within that
3 window for the absentee voting, so we're not going to
4 be open for that day, so we need to let folks know
5 we're going to be closed.

6 MEMBER HAAS: Can I -- are we using Vets
7 Memorial as I understand?

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. Here; this place.

9 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Oh, yeah, Memorial
10 Hall. Yeah, there's the address, yeah.

11 Okay. I move that the Board set
12 in-person absentee voting hours for the February 4th,
13 2014 Special Election in Minerva Park for 8:00 a.m.
14 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning
15 January 2nd, 2014 and ending February 1st, 2014, and
16 Saturday, February 2nd, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. till
17 12:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 280 East Broad Street,
18 Columbus, Ohio. Also, there will be no in-person
19 absentee voting at the Board of Elections office on
20 Monday, January 20th, 2014, as the office will be
21 closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

22 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That concludes the
2 agenda for our special meeting. Is there a motion --

3 MR. MACKEY: I have a question.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

5 MR. MACKEY: I have here the
6 certification by the most populace county for the
7 Reynoldsburg School Board race, so that we can
8 expedite the request to the Secretary of State's
9 office to order a recount. Can we have the Board
10 sign this?

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Sure. What is it
12 again?

13 MR. MACKEY: It's just the certification
14 of the most populace county for the --

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Oh.

16 MR. MACKEY: -- Reynoldsburg School Board
17 race.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: So it's within
19 the results that we've already approved, so it just
20 needs Board signature.

21 MR. MACKEY: Yup.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Sure. Yes.
23 Anything else, Mr. Director?

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I don't have anything

1 else. There's a motion to adjourn that is in order.

2 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is one.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

7 (Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 3:17
8 p.m.)

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10 CERTIFICATE

11 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
12 true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken
13 by me in this matter on Monday, November 25, 2013,
14 and carefully compared with my original stenographic
15 notes.

16 _____
17 Carolyn M. Burke, Registered
18 Professional Reporter, and
Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

19 My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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